

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Abstract on page 21 as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A method, system and computer program product for prepayment of a service, ~~comprising the steps of:~~ includes informing the user of the availability of a plurality of different services~~;~~. An indication and request of a desired service is received ~~receiving~~ from the user over a first communications link ~~an indication of a desired service and a request for the desired service;~~. The requested service is provided ~~providing the requested service~~ to the user over a second communications link~~;~~. To indicate prepayment for the service requested ~~receiving from the user an authentication key~~ is received from the user. ~~to indicate prepayment for the requested service,~~ ~~verifying whether the authentication key is valid,~~ and ~~providing the requested service~~ The validity of the authentication key received is verified and the service is provided if the authentication key is valid.

Fig. 1.